Subject No. 121.

Travellers' Bungalows.

Summary of discussion.—Enquiry as to the accommodation, sanitary condition, appurtenances of Travellers' Bungalows, &c., is very necessary. Some Bungalows are maintained in places where they are not needed, while none exist where they are very much needed, as at Birur. In some cases, their sanitary condition is very bad and in some, the furniture is inadequate, particularly crockery and cutlery. (*Vide* also representation contained in Subject No. 1, cl: (h.) *supra*).

Dewan's reply. (After consulting Deputy Commissioners and the Chief Engineer).—The fees received in these Bungalows are in several cases out of all proportion to the cost of their maintenance and of the supplies of furniture asked for. The best plan would be to re-classify these Bungalows with reference to the number of days in the year during which European travellers other than Government officers have occupied them. Thirty days in the entire year is admittedly a fair minimum to fix to entitle a Bungalow to be supplied with a full complement of furniture including crockery and cutlery. The Chief Engineer will be asked to examine the subject on these lines.

Subject No. 122.

Provincial through-roads in Shimoga Town.

Summary of discussion.—Two or three Provincial roads pass through the town of Shimoga. Travellers going in the direction of Agumbi use the Big Brahmins' street, which is maintained from Municipal Funds, instead of the Provincial road. The former should therefore be regarded as the main through road and an annual Government grant should be given from the P. W. D.

Dewan's reply.—This is a matter for consideration and representation by the Municipal Board.

Subject No. 123.

Burial and cremation grounds for Shimoga Town.

Summary of discussion.—More suitable burial and cremation grounds are required at Shimoga.

Dewan's reply.—These are matters for attention by the local bodies, and not for disposal here.

Subject No. 124.

Act XIII of 1859 and Contractors' coolies.

Summary of discussion.—Contractors and others in Shimoga town employ coolies. These coolies obtain advances and fail to do work. Magistrates dismiss complaints under this head as not coming within the provisions of Act XIII of 1859. People resorting to Civil Courts against coolies have to lose time and money. People want the coolies to be brought under the provisions of the said Act.

Dewan's reply.—The Act exists, and if not correctly administered in individual cases, appeal. It cannot be extended to those to whom it does not now apply.

Subject No. 125.

Town Magistrate and Vice-President for Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—The Vice-President of the Municipal Board at Shimoga has a great deal of work to do. It is not convenient to appoint a whole time Vice-President. If one of the Officers located here be made Town Magistrate and Vice-President, the Municipal work will undoubtedly be performed properly.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 126.

Treatment of Kumsi Sub-Taluk for Forest purposes.

Summary of discussion.—The Sub-Taluk of Kumsi is treated as Malnad for the purpose of allowing batta to Government officials and withholding remissions in years of scarcity, but the raiyats' privileges as regards wood and bamboos are denied, the Sub-Taluk being treated as Maidan for forest purposes. The Sub-Taluk should be declared Malnad for forest purposes also.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that parts of the Sub-Taluk were declared Malnad in 1891; that the present rules made them Maidan and that their re-declaration as Malnad had already been recommended.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's recommendation will be considered.

Subject No. 127.

Excessive reservation of State Forest in Shimoga District.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department have included the village free gomal lands within the State Forest, and levy a fee of two annas on every head of cattle for grazing therein. This restriction should be removed and cattle allowed to graze in the State Forest free of charge. The State Forest limits are also too near the villages, being from half a mile to one mile.

[The Dewan enquired whether there has been any new demarcation and the Deputy Commissioner replied that he had reported on the subject some time before, and that the order was "Recorded"].

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's report will be looked into again. The principle is that in the Malnad, it is as important to prevent the growth of forests too near villages, as it is to reserve and conserve them.

Subject No. 128.

Bende and Thadasal fibres, &c.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of selling Bende and Thadasal fibres and Malavé creepers should be abolished and their free use should be allowed. The sale brings in little revenue to Government and is annoying to the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will abolish this practice.

Subject No. 129

Fuel from State Forests.

Summary of discussion.—There is no District jungle in some villages, nor sufficient supply of fuel in some District jungles. Fuel may be granted free in State Forests.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 130.

Enlargement of Aralakattekere.

Summary of discussion.—The katte above the Aralakattekere in the village of Gopasettipura may be turned into a reservoir at the cost of Government, as it is capable of irrigating 400 acres of dry land.

Dewan's reply.—The project does not look promising.